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13 27. (new) Method according to claim 1, wherein the treated sludge is subjected to ozonation in a pressurized ozonation reactor.

14 28. (new) Method according to claim 1, wherein the waste water is subjected to a clarification step after passing through the main biological treatment system and in which at least the sludge to be treated by ozonation and mechanical stirring is separated from said waste water.

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

The new claims 15-28 are substantially similar to claims 1-14 set out in the annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report, with the exception that the new claims have been amended to omit multiple dependent claims and to otherwise conform to U.S. practice.

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